

Homelessness

National and Regional Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
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U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness www.usich.gov

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- Provide permanent supportive housing
- Reduce financial vulnerability
- Improve health and housing stability
- Each Region has an Interagency Council on Homelessness led by the Regional Directors of HUD & HHS



SAMHSA: Recovery Support Initiative

www.samhsa.gov/recovery

Recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders (M/SUDs) is a process of change through which individuals improve their health & wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

Major dimensions that support a life in recovery:

Health

Home

Purpose

Community

- **Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)** - State formula grant for people with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- **Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)** - Funding to expand and strengthen treatment services, as well as community infrastructure, for persons who are experiencing homelessness, who also have M/SUDs
- **Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI)** – Funding to support development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for people with M/SUDs with permanent housing, and other critical services. CABHI also increases capacity for community-based providers to enroll individuals who are chronically homeless in mainstream programs and obtain reimbursement for behavioral health
- **Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States (CABHI-States)** – Funding to enhance or develop the infrastructure of states and their treatment service systems to increase capacity to provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated/integrated, and evidence-based treatment services; permanent supportive housing; peer supports; and other critical services to persons who experience chronic homelessness with M/SUDs
- **Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale (BRSS TACS)** - Funding to support policy guidance, technical assistance, and training to help states and providers, including peer providers, adopt and implement best and emerging practices in recovery supports, services, & systems
- **Recovery to Practice (RTP)** - 5-year project to incorporate the vision of recovery into the concrete and everyday practice of mental health professionals



SAMHSA: Olmstead Initiative

SAMHSA provides technical assistance and other opportunities for states to learn about federal rules, regulations and available resources to support Olmstead implementation and compliance.

- Olmstead Technical Assistance (American with Disabilities Act)
- Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the Role of Housing in Accomplishing the Goals of Olmstead
- Region VIII Olmstead/Housing Coalition: HUD, SSA, VA, and HHS (OCR, SAMHSA, ACL, and CMS),

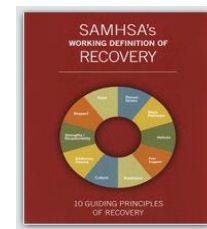
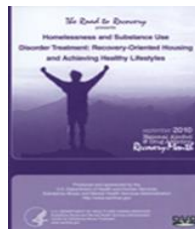
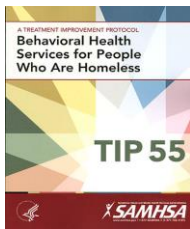
SAMHSA: Technical Assistance

- Homelessness Resource Center - an interactive learning community dedicated to disseminating knowledge and best practices to prevent and end homelessness. It includes providers, consumers, policymakers, researchers, and public agencies at Federal, State, and local levels www.Homeless.samhsa.gov
- Homeless and Housing Resource Network (HHRN) - provides support on homeless, housing, and behavioral health issues for SAMHSA staff, targeted homeless grantees, and stakeholders www.center4si.com/projects
- Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity, and Social Inclusion - enhances acceptance and social inclusion by ensuring that people with mental health problems can live full, productive lives within communities without fear of prejudice and discrimination www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) for People who are Homeless - increases access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a M/SUD
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center - works with states, territories, and tribes to develop effective, responsive behavioral health systems for service members, veterans, and their families www.samhsa.gov/MilitaryFamilies/tacenter



SAMHSA: Publications

www.samhsa.gov



- “TIP 55: Behavioral Health Services for People Who Are Homeless”
- “Homelessness and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Recovery-Oriented Housing and Achieving Healthy Lifestyles”
- “Permanent Supportive Housing Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Kit”
- “SAMHSA Working Definition of Recovery. 10 Guiding Principles of Recovery”

Additional Resources

- Family Connection: Building systems to end family homelessness www.hhs.gov/homeless/resources/index.html
- HUD Homelessness Assistance portal.hud.gov
- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty www.nlchp.org
- Resources in Housing www.disability.gov
- Runaway and Homeless Youth www.findyouthinfo.gov
- Reducing Homeless Populations' Involvement in the Criminal Justice System www.justice.gov
- Social Security Administration Service to the Homeless www.ssa.gov
- National Center for Family Homelessness www.familyhomelessness.org
- Child Welfare League of America www.cwla.org/
- ZERO TO THREE “Homeless Families with Infants and Toddlers” www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/newsletters/spotlight-on-homeless.html

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